

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 747

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING APRIL 28 THROUGH MAY 6, 2007, AS MONTANA  
5 SAFE KIDS WEEK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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7 WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the number one killer of children ages 14 and under; and  
8 WHEREAS, each year, more than 5,000 children ages 14 and under die from unintentional injuries; and  
9 WHEREAS, emergency rooms experience nearly 2.4 million visits from children ages 14 and under each  
10 summer; and

11 WHEREAS, 90% of these injuries are preventable; and

12 WHEREAS, 41% of these deaths occur during "trauma season", the months of May, June, July, and  
13 August; and

14 WHEREAS, the risk activities that show the greatest seasonal surge in deaths and injuries between May  
15 and August compared to the rest of the year are biking, drowning, pedestrian-related injuries, motor  
16 vehicle-related injuries, and falls; and

17 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids USA promote childhood injury prevention by uniting  
18 diverse groups into local and state coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and strategies, initiating  
19 public policy changes, promoting new technology, and raising awareness through the media; and

20 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, with the support of founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, launches  
21 Safe Kids Week 2007, "Make it a Safe Summer", which focuses on five of the deadliest warm weather risk  
22 activities; and

23 WHEREAS, Safe Kids USA has planned special childhood injury prevention activities and  
24 community-based events for Safe Kids Week 2007 in an effort to educate families about summer safety.

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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28 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Recognition of safe kids week.** The governor shall call upon all the  
29 residents of the state of Montana to join the governor in supporting the efforts and activities of safe kids to prevent  
30 childhood injury and proclaim April 28 through May 6, 2007, as safe kids week in Montana.

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2           NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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